

April 2016

Dear Parents,

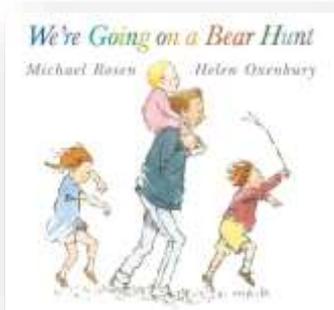
We had a fun day at our role play area, where our children discovered the wonders of the rainforest. They played with different animals and listened to the sound of these animals make. We explored pasta shells with wild animals on the sensory bin. We also did a lot of mark making on our black wall, where our little ones mostly found of doing.



For the upcoming weeks, we will be talking about Earth Day, where we let the children touch and feel the soil, water, leaves, grass and flowers. We will incorporate new vocabulary words like, sky, sun, water, air and soil. We are going to read the story written by Dr. Seuss "If I Ran the Rainforest".

Links to the Curriculum -Literacy: Reading

The children are very interested when we read books, with big coloured pictures in it. While reading a book we could change the voice of each character that we narrate. At



the nursery our children's most loved book are the following "The Gruffalo" by Julia Donaldson, "We're Going on a bear hunt" by Michael Rosen and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. We can also use hand puppets when telling a story. Facial reaction also helps the children understand the story being read.

Home Connections

In class, we have treasure baskets which is filled with different items such as the pictures below. Treasure baskets have been used for decades by childcare professionals as a means of teaching young babies how to select, touch, taste and feel.



It's a simple idea but one that seemingly works to delight and inspire little eyes, ears and mouths - enriching their experience of objects around them and helping them to gain confidence in making decisions. Babies of all ages can appreciate the sensory delights of a basket, as long as it contains age-appropriate objects. Babies from 3 months will love watching a jar roll to and fro (fill it with beads or anything that makes a noise to enhance their experience) whilst an 8 month old will adore a loofah they can pick out and crawl after or a whisk they can bang against a bowl. It's also important to get the timing right - a tired baby will get bored quickly.



Special Days

24 April 2016: Earth Day

26 and 27 April 2016: Parent's and Teacher Meeting

With love from the Beetles Team,

Miss Christine, Miss Pears and Miss Joycee